

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A nucleic acid molecule isolable from parathyroid of a mammal and whose expression is regulated by extracellular calcium concentration, or its complementary strand.
- 5 2. A nucleic acid molecule as defined in claim 1, having the sequence set out in SEQ ID No. 1, or its complementary strand.
3. A nucleic acid molecule, having an homology of at least 60% with the nucleic acid of claim 2.
4. A nucleic acid molecule, having an homology of at least 80% with the nucleic acid of claim 2.
- 10 5. A nucleic acid molecule as defined in claim 4, wherein the mammal is a human.
6. A nucleic acid as defined in claim 5, which has the sequence set out in SEQ ID No. 3.
- 15 7. A recombinant vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 1.
8. A recombinant vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 5.
9. A recombinant host cell comprising the recombinant vector of claim 7.
- 20 10. A recombinant host cell comprising the recombinant vector of claim 8.
11. A nucleic acid of at least 12 nucleotides in length capable of a specific hybridization with the nucleic acids of a calcium sensing cell and with SEQ ID No. 1, or SEQ ID No. 3, or a complementary sequence thereof.
- 25 12. A nucleic acid as defined in claim 11 which is an amplification primer.

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13. A nucleic acid as defined in claim 11, which is a hybridization probe.

14. A composition of matter comprising the nucleic acid of claim 1 and a carrier.

5 15. A composition of matter comprising the nucleic acid of claim 5 and a carrier.

16. A composition of matter comprising the nucleic acid of claim 6 and a carrier.

10 17. A composition of matter comprising the recombinant vector of claim 7 and a carrier.

18. A composition of matter comprising the recombinant vector of claim 8 and a carrier.

19. A composition of matter comprising the nucleic acid of claim 11 and a carrier.

15 20. A composition of matter comprising the nucleic acid of claim 12 and a carrier.

21. A composition of matter comprising the nucleic acid of claim 13 and a carrier.

20 22. A composition of matter comprising the recombinant host cell of claim 9 and a carrier.

23. A composition of matter comprising the recombinant host cell of claim 10 and a carrier.

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